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MEMORANDUM TO: DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE,
THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey Program.

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum of Director of Central Intelligence to Rear Admiral John P. Womble, Jr., Deputy Director, Joint Intelligence Group, Joint Staff, 1 December 1949, Subject: National Intelligence Survey Program.
(b) Memorandum of Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, to Director of Central Intelligence, 20 March 1950, Subject: Priority List and Production Rate for National Intelligence Surveys.

1. The intent of reference (a) was to obtain a statement of minimum requirements of the Joint Staff for basic intelligence contained in the National Intelligence Surveys without prejudice to the national security. However, reference (b) states that the Joint Staff requirements must conform to the reduced agency capabilities, but leaves unsaid whether or not such new requirements will be prejudicial to the national security.

2. The National Security Council authorized and directed the establishment of the NIS Program to provide the basic intelligence requirements of this Government. In my responsibility as coordinator for the NIS Program, I am concerned with the extent of those requirements in order to determine and to ensure the adequacy of related production capabilities.

3. In view of these considerations, I should appreciate an early indication by the Joint Staff whether or not a rate of production of the approximate equivalent of eight (8) NIS per year does in fact represent the minimum Joint Staff requirement without prejudice to the national security and, if not, what the minimum requirement should be.

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